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Well, treasure hunters, here we are, facing the time of year we dread most of all. Not only are we suffering from a bad case of post-Christmas blues, but outside the ground is frozen and covered with ice and snow. Our hands ache to grab hold of that metal detector that's collecting dust in the closet. What we would give for blue skies and warm Summer weather! But take Soon that little groundhog will stick his furry head out of his burrough and, hopefully, in a few short weeks, it will be SPRING!! Meanwhile, make the best of things. While the Winter winds howl outside, snuggle up by a crackling fire with a good book. And have I got a BOOK for you!!! "Some Dreams Die", by George A. Thompson, is a MUST for anyone who has ever dreamed of finding a treasure. The author visited the sites of over four hundred deserted communities in Utah, and probed into their unique histories. Some of his tales are so enthralling that you'll actually imagine yourself living in those times.

Picture a small, windswept, western town, saloon doors swinging, and, if you listen real closely, you can hear the clank of a gold coin as it slides across the bar. Another weary traveler quenches his thirst as he awaits the departure of the stage heading West. Outside, a hefty strong box full of gold bars is being lifted

onto the out-going stagecoach. The book is chuck-full of true stories and legends. The author also carefully describes the areas and provides maps to make searching much easier. There are so many facinating places listed that it will be difficult to decide just where to begin!!

So, what are you waiting for? Get all your planning done now so when nice weather hits, all you have to do is grab your trusty detector in one hand, a map in the other, and "Head for the hills!"

Our club is planning some terrific digs this year!! Don't miss out on the fun and excitement. Flan to attend all of our meetings, held on the 4th Thursday of each month at the Redwood Multipurpose Center at 7:15 p.m.



This is one of the hardest things for me to do. I am not very good on words or addressing a group, infact, two years ago you could'nt have got me to do this for a \$100 dollar bill.

But this club and the members have been so friendly and been just like old friends that I feel like I can write a little something. Who knows, I might become a regular run-of-the-mouth type person.

As I look back at the last year of our club, I see many successful meetings, many successful digs, and a show of our own

that everyone who wanted, got to display thier favorites.

Many new friendships were established and I am sure they will continue to grow, at this time, I want to thank Harry Campbell for what he has done for us, I know we had problems this year and I have discussed them at length with Harry. He has been a close friend of mine for years and I know he knows just how much we miss him from our meetings.

Harry is now moving to St. George where he plans on starting a new business, this has been a long time dream for Harry. Good luck Harry, maybe after your setteled in and have got a few minutes

Harry you could write and let us know how your doing.

As we start the new year, we have a few new officers, I know this will give us some fresh ideas and will prosper the club, if you can give any ideas to us that might help the club please do. As an officer, I know we would appreciate it. Remember this is

In our club I have been approached several times about trading tokens. Everyone that has trade items should bring them to each meeting. This is one of the main things, TOKENS, and the way to get different ones is to trade. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO TRADE. If you have a friend who wants to trade, bring them, I'm sure after the first meeting or two they will want to join. This is what makes a club grow.

If you have a place we can go on a dig, or know of a place, please let us know. Remember though, if its private property we have

to have permission.

As a last statement, I would like to let all the members I've met know that it has been a real fun year for me and I am very happy that I have met so many wonderful people and new friends, I hope we all have a very happy new year and that we share in the growth of our club.

YOUR TREASURER



JANUARY MEETING

Our January meeting will be one of the most important we have held thus far. We will be voting on a proposed merger between the N.U.T.S and U.L.A.T.C.O. clubs. It is imperative that each member be in attendance in order to understand exactly what this merger could mean to both clubs. After we have thoroughly discussed the issue, a vote will be held by secret ballot. Please show support for your club and get out and vote on Thursday evening, January 27th at 7:15 p.m. at the Redwood Multi-purpose Center.



Also, when the business portion of the meeting is over, we will be holding our raffle, as usual, but we will be giving away a very special item to the person holding the winning ticket. The lucky winner will take home an R8 Clift House token listed at \$45.00

in Harry's book!!

It's 1983, and we're celebrating our first anniversary as a club. We want to thank each of you for the support you've given us in the past year. We encourage you to invite friends and neighbors to join us in our meetings and outings. The more people we have, the more fun we'll have! Membership dues are now payable to our treasurer, Frank Sommer. Family memberships are \$12.50, and single memberships are \$7.50.

NEW OFFICERS

In November, we held elections for officers for the coming year. Although Dave Kyte was elected as president, due to unforseen obligations, he had to decline. Randy Meiser, who ran for Vice President, graciously accepted to lead us as our new president. For those of you who missed our November meeting, here are the results of the election:

Fresident:

Vice President:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Committee #5:

Committee #6:

Editor:

Junior Representative:

Randy Meise
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Randy Meiser
Harold Franke
Jo Ann Rogers
Frank Sommer
Bruce Robinson (Outings and Frizes)
Pat Jividen (Guest speakers)
Linda Franke

The U.N.S. also recently elected new officers:

Fresident: Vice Fresident: Secretary: Treasurer: Board: Ralph Muller
Wade Frischknecht
Aloma Blaylock
Kathy Meiser
Joyce Elfors
Fat Jividen
Randy Meiser
Jo Ann Rogers

SEAL OF ADMIRATION

Congratulations and best of luck to all of you!!!

NUTS NEWS

Our special thanks to Cliff Zimmerman for donating the sets of tax tokens we raffled off at our November meeting. They really spurred some excitement. We really appreciate your generosity, Cliff, and want you to know how much we enjoy having you in our group!

Cur Christmas dinner was a real success! We had a real good turn out and everyone felt that it was well worth their while. With good food, good friends, and prizes galore, what more could you ask? Each lady received a lovely corsage and everyone in attendance received at least one valuable token or other treasured item from the past. It was a perfect way to end our first year!!

This past November, twenty six of our members joined together and made a trek out of town towards historic Saltair. Everyone had a great time, and although no tokens or coins were found, several old bottles and six locker checks were dug. We're planning another trip to Saltair in the near future. Flease join us and try your luck. Who knows what vast treasures lie underneath the sandy beaches?

Phil Lavorgna won a second place ribbon at the Utah State Fair for his Yellow Onions! Congratulations, Phil!!

When John Liddle, a cousin to Bruce Robinson, was remodeling his home recently, he was in for a pleasant surprise! Hidden behind an attic wall he discovered a 5 shot revolver with 2 notches carved into the handle! He also found a sterling silver platter and an old oil painting. That just goes to show you that you never know where treasures are going to turn up next!!

Jack Jannsen recently located several dated nails and railroad rails. Exciting!!

While detecting in Pioneer Park, Doug Garrett dug an 1839 1 dime. Bruce Garrett located an 1892 Dog Tag and an unlisted Panguitch token. Good show!!

Congratulations to Bob Harris. His Token Display won 1st Place in the recent coin show. We're proud to have you in our club, Bob!

And, speaking of the coin show, many of you have been wondering who got away with the Bear River City token. Well, I'm pleased to announce that my husband, Harold Franke, is the lucky guy!! What a beauty!!

While scouring the grounds at the Veterans Hospital the other day, Randy Meiser found a Good Luck token from Kentucky. He also dug another prize on a previous dig, a Wilson Hotel. Way to go!!



Our club has a new member, and I mean BRAND NEW!! On November 18 Steve and Joella Martin became the proud parents of a baby boy, Michael Andrew, weighing in at 8# 6 oz. Congratulations!!

We were sorry to hear that Larry Beutler lost his Grandfather recently.

On February 16, 1983, Fat Jividen will receive a very special scouting award. The Silver Beaver is an honor bestowed upon very few, and Fat has the right to be very proud. Most men who are given this prestigious award have been a scout leader for twenty-five years or more. Fat, we're very happy for you!!

George Rogers was involved in a fender-bender on January 5th. Luckily, no one was hurt, and the damage was minor.

Both Bryan Moulton and Don Grossaint had wisdom teeth pulled.
We hope that didn't prevent you from enjoying the holiday goodies!
If troubles come in threes, the Grossaint's have had their share
for a while. Don also had his finger operated on, and their daughter,
Tammy, fell through a plate glass window!! We're glad she wasn't
injurred!

Poor Bruce Robinson!! He reached into his pocket as he climbed onto a city bus the other day and dropped a Pontiac Advertising token into the machine by mistake! When he realized what he had done, he frantically phoned the bus depot to see if there was any way to get it back. He was told to call back the next day, after the change had been broken down. The next morning, he phoned again, and described the token to the man. "I have it right here in front of me," the man replied. Bruce rushed down to the station, paid the quarter he owed from the day before, and happily picked up his token, vowing never to put a token in his change pocket again!!

Bob and Cheryl Harris recently had this token struck.





Larry and Celeste Beutler had this wooden nickle made for their business, the Ladybug Quilt Cottage.





